

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2162

Introduced by Assembly Member Negrete McLeod

February 20, 2002

An act to amend Section 5067 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2162, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. Vehicles: license plates.

Existing law authorizes the department to issue special environmental interest license plates that bear a design depicting a California coastal motif and authorizes the plates to be issued in a combination of numbers or letters, or both, as requested by the applicant for the plates. Existing law prescribes the fees to be paid for the issuance, renewal, transfer, and substitution of the plates, and creates the California Beach and Coastal Enhancement Account in the California Environmental License Plate Fund. Under existing law, after specified deductions for administrative and other costs, the Department of Motor Vehicles deposits the balance in the fund, half of which goes into the account for expenditure, upon appropriation, by the California Coastal Commission on the Adopt-A-Beach program, the Beach Cleanup Day program, coastal public education programs, and grants. Existing law provides that funds remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year, after appropriation by the Legislature, are allocated to the Coastal Conservancy for coastal natural resource restoration and other coastal zone and waterfront preservation purposes.

This bill would eliminate the provision authorizing the appropriation of the balance of the Coastal Enhancement Account for the Coastal Conservancy purposes described above. However, the bill would

specify that the other half of the funds available from the coastal motif license plates, after deductions for administrative and other costs, be deposited in the License Plate Coastal Access Account, created by this bill in the State Coastal Conservancy Fund of 1984. That money would be available to the State Coastal Conservancy for grants to support specified types of coastal zone access and trail projects, upon appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5067 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
2 read:
- 3 5067. (a) The department, in consultation with the California
4 Coastal Commission, shall design and make available for issuance
5 pursuant to this article special environmental design license plates.
6 Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 5060, the special
7 environmental design license plates shall bear a graphic design
8 depicting a California coastal motif and may be issued in a
9 combination of numbers or letters, or both, as requested by the
10 applicant for the plates. Any person described in Section 5101
11 may, upon payment of the additional fees set forth in subdivision
12 (b), apply for and be issued a set of special environmental design
13 license plates.
- 14 (b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration or
15 renewal of registration, the following additional fees shall be paid
16 for the issuance, renewal, retention, or transfer of the special
17 environmental design license plates authorized pursuant to this
18 section:
- 19 (1) For the original issuance of the plates, fifty dollars (\$50).
20 (2) For a renewal of registration of the plates or retention of the
21 plates, if renewal is not required, forty dollars (\$40).
22 (3) For transfer of the plates to another vehicle, fifteen dollars
23 (\$15).
24 (4) For each substitute replacement plate, thirty-five dollars
25 (\$35).
26 (5) In addition, for the issuance of an environmental license
27 plate, as defined in Section 5103, the additional fees prescribed in
28 Section 5106 and 5108. The additional fees prescribed in Sections



1 5106 and 5108 shall be deposited in the California Environmental
2 License Plate Fund.

3 (c) After deducting its administrative costs under this section,
4 the department, except as provided in paragraph (5) of subdivision
5 (b), shall deposit the additional revenue derived from the issuance,
6 renewal, transfer, and substitution of special environmental design
7 license plates as follows:

8 (1) One-half in the California Beach and Coastal Enhancement
9 Account, which is hereby created in the California Environmental
10 License Plate Fund. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the
11 money in the account shall be allocated by the Controller to the
12 California Coastal Commission for expenditure for the
13 Adopt-A-Beach program, the Beach Cleanup Day program,
14 coastal public education programs, and grants to local
15 governments and nonprofit organizations for the costs of operating
16 and maintaining public beaches related to these programs. ~~Any~~
17 ~~funds remaining in the California Beach and Coastal Enhancement~~
18 ~~Account at the end of a fiscal year shall be allocated by the~~
19 ~~Controller, after appropriation by the Legislature, to the State~~
20 ~~Coastal Conservancy for coastal natural resource restoration and~~
21 ~~enhancement projects and for other projects consistent with the~~
22 ~~provisions of Division 21 (commencing with Section 31000) of~~
23 ~~the Public Resources Code.~~

24 (2) ~~One-half in the California Environmental License Plate~~
25 ~~Fund shall be deposited into the License Plate Coastal Access~~
26 ~~Account, which is hereby created in the State Coastal Conservancy~~
27 ~~Fund of 1984. The money in the account shall be available, upon~~
28 ~~appropriation, to the State Coastal Conservancy for grants to~~
29 ~~public agencies and private nonprofit entities or organizations.~~
30 ~~These grants shall be for the development, maintenance, and~~
31 ~~operation of new or existing facilities that provide public access~~
32 ~~to, or along, the coastline, including the California Coastal Trail~~
33 ~~and inland trails providing linkages to the coast, pursuant to~~
34 ~~Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 31400) of Division 21 of the~~
35 ~~Public Resources Code.~~

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